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SUBJ: TRIP TO USSR BY SECRETARY SIMON

1. SUMMARY. SOVIETS HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT SPECIAL DESIRES FOR SIMON PROGRAM DURING MID-OCTOBER VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL (USTEC). SOVIETS ALSO WOULD LIKE MORE DETAIL ON US PROPOSAL TO HOLD MEETING OF EXPERTS IN MOSCOW OCTOBER 28-30 FOR EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFO (REF SIMON- PATOLICHEV AUGUST 28, 1974, LETTER).

2. DURING CALL SEPT 19 BY BEWT DEPUTY DIRECTOR BOWDEN ON DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MANZHULO, LATTER RAISED QUESTION OF SIMON ATTENDANCE AT USTEC MEETING HERE OCT 15-16. SOVIET WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION SOONEST IF SIMON IS COMING, LENGTH OF STAY, AND ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT. THEY ARE HOPEFUL SIMON WILL BRING FOR DISCUSSION WITH PATOLICHEV IDEAS FOR AGENDA OF US-USSR COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING PROPOSED FOR JANUARY 1975 BY US. MANZHULO INDICATED LATTER PART OF JANUARY WOULD BE PREFERABLE TIME FROM FROM SOVIET POINT OF VIEW.

3. MANZHULO ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF PROPOSED OCT 28-30 MEETING OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF LONG-TERM
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AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, MINFOREIGN TRADE NEEDS MORE DETAIL

ON KINDS OF INFORMATION TO BE EXCHANGED, LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION. BOWDEN EXPLAINED WE WERE STILL DEVELOPING OUR THOUGHTS BUT PRESENT THINKING WAS TO SEND SMALL DELEGATION (NOT MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE) LED BY ASSISTANT-SECRETARY LEVEL OFFICIAL (PERHAPS FROM CEA). DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF EXPERTS ON US ECONOMY AND ON SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE. MANZHULO EXPRESSED OPINION STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE WOULD PROBABLY PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS MEETING.

4. DURING SUBSEQUENT CALL BY BOWDEN AT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, DEPUTY CHIEF OF USA DIVISION FEDOSEYEV SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR ANY SPECIAL DESIRES SECRETARY SIMON MIGHT HAVE AND FOR AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE ON FLIGHT PLANS OF ANY USG AIRCRAFT INTO USSR IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT.

5. COMMENT. BOWDEN TOLD SOVIETS HE WOULD TRY TO SPEED UP DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL INFO REQUESTED.
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